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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to provide stakeholders, case management agencies, and providers with information regarding rate increases to the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers.

### **Information:**

Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) received approval during the 2019 legislative session to implement across-the-board (ATB) and targeted rate increases (TRI) for HCBS waiver services.

A 1.0% ATB increase has been approved for services offered through HCBS waivers. The ATB increase is approved for HCBS services that are not receiving a TRI. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval for an ATB increase is not required. Claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2019, will be reimbursed at an increased rate for providers for the following waivers:

- HCBS - Brain Injury (BI)
- HCBS - Children’s Extensive Support (CES)
- HCBS - Children’s Home and Community Based Service (CHCBS)
- HCBS - Children with Life Limiting Illness (CLLI)
- HCBS – Children’s Residential Habilitation Program (CRHP)

- HCBS - Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS)
- HCBS - Developmental Disability (DD)
- HCBS - Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD)
- HCBS - Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)
- HCBS - Supported Living Services (SLS)

The following HCBS services will receive a TRI effective January 1, 2020 pending CMS approval. More information will be provided as the effective date approaches:

- Adult Day Services (HCBS - EBD, CMHS, BI, SCI)
- Group Residential Supports Levels 1-6 (HCBS - DD)
- Home Delivered Meals (HCBS - EBD, CMHS, BI, SCI, SLS)
- Homemaker Services: IHSS\*, CDASS (HCBS - EBD, CMHS, SCI)
- Homemaker Services: Basic\* (HCBS - SLS, CES)
- Homemaker Services: Extended\* (HCBS - SLS, CES)
- Life Skills Training-Transitional (HCBS - EBD, CMHS, BI, SCI, SLS)
- Mental Health Counseling (HCBS - BI)
- Peer Mentorship (HCBS - EBD, CMHS, BI, SCI, SLS)
- Personal Care: Relative\*, CDASS (HCBS - EBD, CMHS, BI, SCI, SLS)
- Personal Care: IHSS\* (HCBS - EBD, SCI)
- Respite-Nursing Facility (HCBS - EBD, CMHS, BI, SCI)
- Respite-ACF (HCBS - EBD, CMHS, SCI)
- Respite-In Home (HCBS - EBD, BI, SCI)
- Respite Services: Individual (HCBS - SLS, CES)

The fee schedules located on the [Provider Rates & Fee Schedule](#) web page have been updated to reflect the approved rate increases.

\*Services are impacted by SB 19-238; for more information on upcoming requirements please see [SB 19-238 - Improve Wages And Accountability for Home Care Workers](#).

**Attachment(s):**

None

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